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DISASTER & HURRICANE GUIDE

ARE YOU PREPARED?

2019

Hurricane and Disaster Preparedness Expo June 22nd , 2019 10 AM- 2 **PM**

Dear Citizens of Brazoria County,

This 2019 Disaster and Hurricane Guide provides information that could save your life or the lives of your loved ones. I encourage you to take the time to look over the information provided in this guide to help you be prepared and informed during this hurricane season and throughout the year. Know your vulnerabilities and what actions you should take to prepare for an emergency and most importantly stay informed on conditions in our area. Preparedness is the key to protecting your family and property.

Find information inside on our new "ReadyBrazoriaCounty" App. I encourage everyone to download it on your phone today. The App is free, and will provide you important updates and information right in the palm of your hand.

Be Prepared and Stay Safe!

L.M. "Matt" Sebesta

Brazoria County Judge

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24 Hour Emergency Event Hotline Numbers:

979-864-1064
979-388-1064
281-756-1064

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Prepare Your Home

- **Buy flood insurance.**
- There is a 30 day waiting period before newly purchased flood insurance goes into effect.
- Install commercial shutters or prepare 5/8 inch plywood panels for your windows.
- Reinforce garage doors so that they are able to withstand high winds. Garage doors are frequently the first feature in a home to fail.
- Trim all dead wood, weak, and overhanging branches from trees as they could damage your or your neighbor's property.

Before you leave

- Move outside items to safety, such as patio furniture, plants, and grills.
- Put valuable documents in waterproof containers and take them with you when you evacuate.
- Turn off electricity at the main circuit breaker or fuse box.
- Turn off gas at the appliances.
- Remove perishable items from your refrigerator and freezer.
- Make a final walk-through inspection before closing the door.
- Close all interior doors in your home.

Brazoria County
eNotification System
Sign-up to receive emails on upcoming events, projects, road closures, emergency communications, etc. Stay informed! Sign up TODAY!
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Prepare Your Vehicle

- Fill up with fuel before you leave town. It's smart to keep your tank at least half full during the entire hurricane season.
- Check your vehicle's fluid levels and ensure there is adequate coolant in the radiator.
- Check your tire pressure.
- Ensure you have a jack, a lug wrench, and know where they are in the vehicle.
- Carry enough water and non-perishable food for you and your passengers in case you become stranded.
- Have a working flashlight and extra batteries.
- If you are stranded, stay with your vehicle and use emergency flashers. Tie a white cloth on the antenna or door handle and raise the hood.

If you're traveling with children be sure to pack items to help keep them entertained

- Reading materials, puzzle, games, coloring books, and electronics with extra chargers and batteries.
- Fun road games like Highway BINGO and I Spy. Go Online to find lists and ideas.
- Low sugar snacks and sugar free drinks.
- A change of clothes.

Family Disaster Checklist

Essentials
- ❑ Cell phone and charger
- ❑ This guide
- ❑ Battery-operated radio
- ❑ Flashlight
- ❑ Extra Batteries
- ❑ Cash
- ❑ Map of the area

Baby Needs
- ❑ Formula, diapers, bottles, medication and powdered milk.

Medical Needs
- ❑ Insulin
- ❑ Prescription drugs in original containers
- ❑ Heart and high blood pressure needs
- ❑ Denture needs
- ❑ Extra eye glasses
- ❑ Contact lenses and supplies
  Doctor's phone numbers

Clothing & Bedding
- ❑ Plastic garbage bags, ties
- ❑ Sunglasses
- ❑ Rain gear
- ❑ Sturdy shoes or work boots
- ❑ Blankets or sleeping bags
- ❑ Complete change of clothing and footwear per person

Cooking Preparation
- ❑ Mess kits or paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- ❑ Non-electric can opener, utility knife
- ❑ Barbecue for outdoor use only with charcoal and lighter, or sterno stove
- ❑ Pot or pan
- ❑ Manual can opener
- ❑ Barbecue utensils and cooking utensils

Entertainment
- ❑ Games & books

Safety
- ❑ First Aid Kit (one for your home and one for each car)
- ❑ Fire Extinguisher
- ❑ Whistle
- ❑ Compass

Food
- ❑ Minimum 7-day supply of nonperishable food that requires no refrigeration or preparation, and little or no water
- ❑ Dry cereal
- ❑ Peanut butter
- ❑ Canned fruits
- ❑ Canned vegetables
- ❑ Canned juice
- ❑ Ready-to-eat canned meats
- ❑ Ready-to-eat soups (not concentrated)
- ❑ Quick energy snacks
- ❑ Graham crackers

Important documents
- ❑ Important telephone numbers
- ❑ Record of bank account numbers
- ❑ Family records (birth, marriage, death certificates)
- ❑ Inventory of household valuables with digital pictures and video
- ❑ Copy of will, insurance policies
- ❑ Records of credit card account numbers and companies
- ❑ Copy of passport, social security cards, and immunization records
- ❑ Current Utility Bills

Pet Needs
- ❑ Food, leash, collar/ harness, carrier, non-tip food and water containers

Water
- ❑ 7 gallons per person, minimum, in a food-grade, plastic container
- ❑ Additional water for sanitation

Sanitation
- ❑ Disinfectant
- ❑ Household chlorine bleach
- ❑ Soap, liquid detergent
- ❑ Toilet paper, towelettes, paper towels
- ❑ Personal hygiene items
- ❑ Cloth towels (at least 3)
- ❑ Feminine supplies
- ❑ Plastic bucket with tight lid
- ❑ Plastic garbage bags, ties (for personal sanitation use)
- ❑ Hand Sanitizer

Supplies
- ❑ Insect Repellent
- ❑ Sunscreen
- ❑ Aluminum Foil
- ❑ Paper, Pencil
- ❑ Plastic sheeting and tarp
- ❑ Medicine dropper
- ❑ Needles, thread
- ❑ Matches in a waterproof container
  Plastic storage containers
- ❑ Ziplock bags

Tools
- ❑ Assorted nails, wood screws
- ❑ Pliers, screwdriver, hammer
- ❑ Paper, Pencil
- ❑ Heavy rope
- ❑ Tape, duct tape and plumber's tape or strap iron
- ❑ Patch kit and can of seal-in-air for tires
- ❑ Shut off wrench to turn off household gas & water

You may want to include
- ❑ Family photos, jewelry and select irreplaceable personal items.
- ❑ An external Hard Drive

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Protecting Your Boat – Marine Prep

- Check your marina contract for policies and procedures for hurricanes.
- Check with the manufacturer for proper ways to secure your boat during a storm.
- Consider moving arrangements well in advance of an approaching storm.
- Trailerable boats should be removed from the water and securely stored at least 48-hours before a hurricane is expected to make landfall.
- Purchase necessary hurricane materials such as additional mooring lines, crew anchors, fenders, fender boards, chafing gear, and anchors.
- Safe storm moorings should consist of good condition ropes of sufficient diameter and length, with at least three or four substantial anchor points.
- Do not moor parallel to bank. Receding tides often capsize boats in this type of mooring.

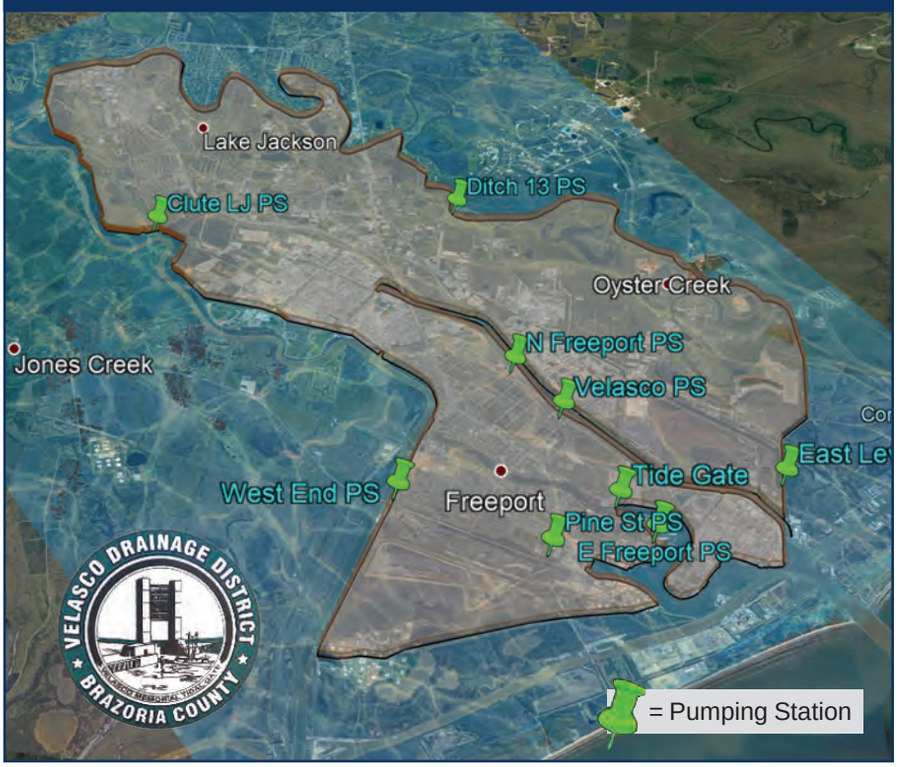
Business & Employee Preparation

- Identify and protect vital records. Backup and store key files off site.
- Protect electronic equipment from possible water damage.
- Have extra cash and blank checks in case extra money is needed after the storm.
- Identify a safe room for employees who must remain in the building.
- Develop a 24-hour emergency contact list with phone numbers for employees to check in and receive company information.
- Establish a temporary location for business operations in case your facility is damaged.
- Give employees enough time to secure their homes and families.
- Consider paying employees before they leave to prepare their homes.

What to do if you **live in a flood-** prone area:

- **Buy flood insurance.**
- Determine if you live behind a levee, find out who owns the levee near you, and do your part to promote levee safety.
- Visualize the impact if your levee is over-topped or breached and your neighborhood is flooded.
- Develop an emergency action plan to follow in case of flooding.
- Take advance precautions to reduce potential flood damage.
- Support funding initiatives for levee improvement projects.

HURRICANE PROTECTION LEVEE



How to prepare for a flood

BE INFORMED

- Know if you are located in a flood-prone area and your flood risk.
- Stay informed through local media, trusted social media sites, the Ready Brazoria County App, city and/or county websites.

IF YOU HAVE PETS OR LIVESTOCK

- Consider precautionary evacuation of your animals. Waiting until the last minute could be fatal for them and dangerous for you.
- Move livestock to higher ground.
- Don't leave companion animals behind if you evacuate your home. Tying up animals can cause the animal to suffer unnecessarily and be vulnerable to the elements and possible drowning.
- Prepare an animal emergency kit. The kit should include food, bowl, leash, crate, bed, toys and any medication your animal may need.

PROTECT YOUR HOME

- Clear gutters and drains. Keep gutter and drainage systems clear to carry water away from your home.
- Catalog possessions. Using a digital camcorder or camera, create a home inventory for insurance. Store digital files on a USB drive and take it with you during an evacuation event.
- Raise furniture and move expensive items to a safe location. Take irreplaceable items such as photographs and important documents with you if asked to evacuate.
- Anchor your fuel tanks. Unanchored tanks can float, rupture, and release fuel.
- Turn off your electricity at the breaker box and unplug sensitive equipment, such as computers, TV's, etc. before evacuating your home.

BE PREPARED TO EVACUATE

- If Mandatory Evacuation is issued by officials, leave the area for your safety and the safety of your family. REMEMBER, take your animals with you.
- For your safety, you will not be able to re-enter an evacuated area until area is deemed safe to return by local officials.

TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN

- Do not drive into or go near flooded streets or areas.
- Do not go around safety barriers or barricades.

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IF YOU NEED A RIDE OUT OF TOWN

S.T.E.A.R. REGISTRY

State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry

If you need a **ride to safety,** during an emergency **register with STEAR today!**

DIAL 2-1-1

Don't wait, register today!

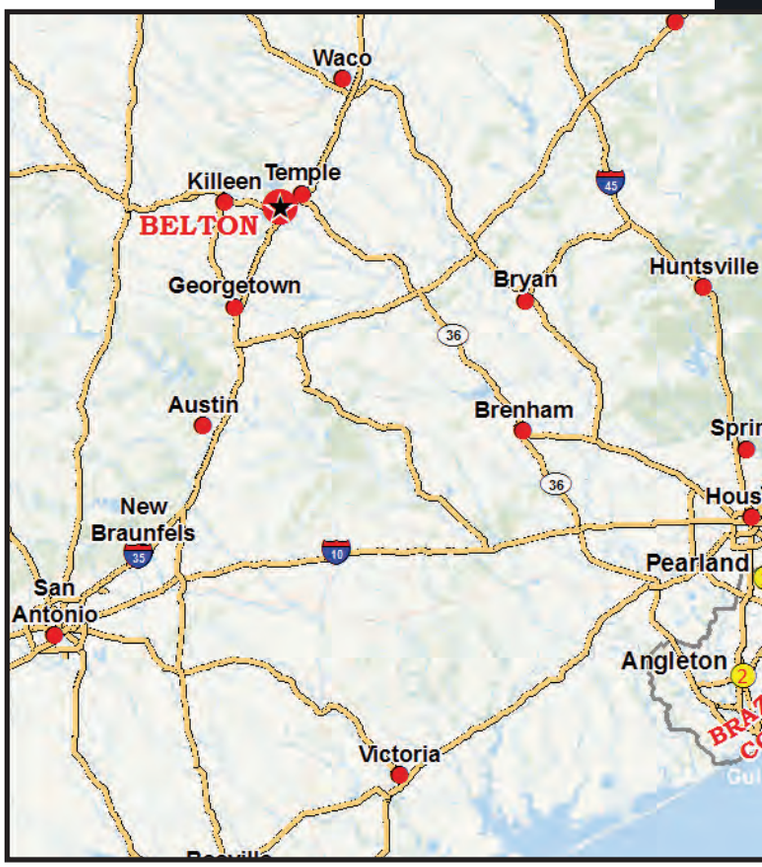
Hurricane season starts June 1 and continues through November 30.

REGISTER NOW!

This service is for people who cannot drive themselves and have no other transportation during an emergency event.

Register today by dialing 2-1-1 or online at:
http://tinyurl.com/TXSTEAR

SCAN ME TO REGISTER



Evacuation HUBS in Brazoria County

What is a HUB?

A HUB is a meeting location for residents who need public transportation during an evacuation.

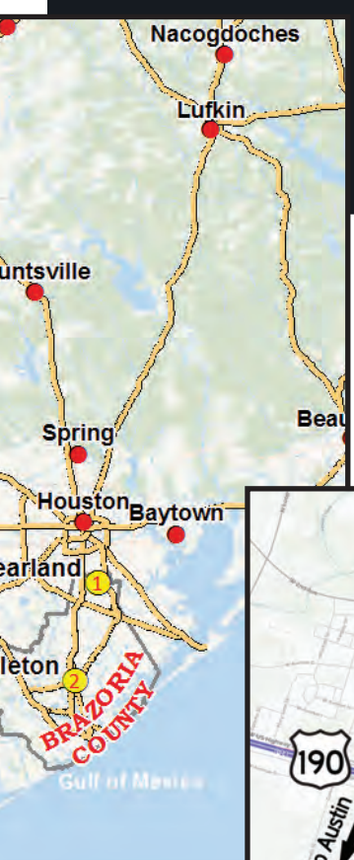
Residents will be checked in and bused to public shelters in Belton, Texas.

There are two HUB locations in Brazoria County.

1 PEARLAND
Recreation Center
4141 Bailey Road
Pearland, TX

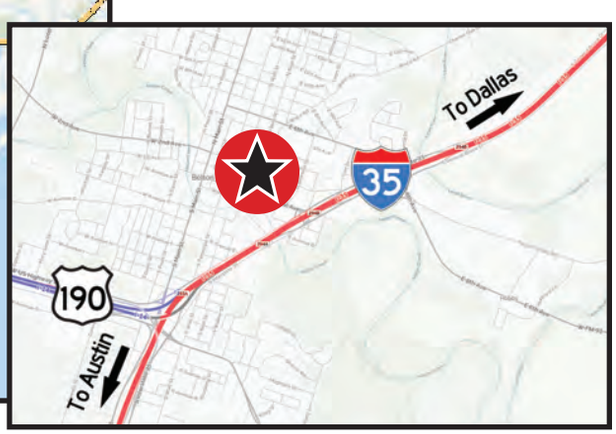
2 ANGLETON
Fairgrounds
901 S Downing Rd
Angleton TX

If you need assistance getting to one of these HUBS, contact your emergency coordinator.
"See Pages 19-21"



EVACUATION DESTINATION

Bell County Annex Building
550 East 2nd Avenue
Belton, TX 76513



What should I bring with me?

- Medications for at least 10 days.
- Driver's license or state issued picture ID.
- Sleeping pads or air mattresses.
- Blankets or a sleeping bag for each person.
- Robe & shower shoes with toiletries.
- Books, cards, games and QUIET toys for children.
- Snacks
- Five days worth of clothing
- No more than two pieces of luggage and one carry-on bag per person.
- **NO Alcoholic beverages, weapons, or illegal drugs are allowed in HUBs or on buses.**

Will my pet ride with me?

- HUB Coordinators have final say over all pet transports.
- As a general rule, pets will be transported with the owner. However, if a situation dictates, they may be transported in a separate vehicle.

Public transportation and animal evacuations

- Only non-aggressive household pets will be permitted. No reptiles or farm animals.
- Up to two pets per household will be allowed on the bus. If you feel you MUST take more than two pets, please contact your city's local emergency manager BEFORE an evacuation is called.
- All animals MUST be transported and housed in a sturdy plastic or metal cage/transport device. No cardboard or partly enclosed devices will be allowed.
- Animals must remain secured in the travel device at ALL TIMES while on the bus and at the HUB.
- Pets must have current rabies shot records.
- Owners are responsible for supplying food and water for their animals.
- We are not liable for any losses or injuries to your animals while being evacuated.

Evacuation Plans

How do I know when to evacuate?

Don't wait! It is NOT safe to wait. Plan to leave early.

Mandatory evacuation orders will come from your local officials. Evacuations will be based on zip codes. Please be prepared to leave immediately. See pages 19-21 for specific information pertaining to your city's communication of recommended evacuations.

Should I evacuate?

Do not wait until a mandatory evacuation is issued. Monitor conditions and leave whenever you can. Hurricanes and disasters can be extremely unpredictable and can become much more dangerous in a matter of hours.

Where should I go?

You may evacuate to any city you choose. Brazoria County residents who need shelter should go to Belton, Texas. If you do not have hotel reservations or family you can stay with, you may evacuate to the public shelters. **See map on page 6.**

What route should I take?

There are no mandatory routes you must take when evacuating from your city. In fact, there are several different routes you may take. When weather is good, take your family on an outing to check routes and become familiar with roadways and fuel locations.

The State has designated evacuation routes: SH-36, SH-288, SH-6, I-45, SH-290, HWY-59. If you choose to take an alternate route, essential services such as food, fuel, etc. are not guaranteed. Depending on the strength of the storm, contra-flow lanes might be open on SH-45, I-10, and SH-290 thirty-six (36) hours prior to the arrival of gale force winds. Plan your evacuation routes carefully (having more than one route planned), realizing that contra-flow lanes have priority over all other routes.

Bell County Annex Building Belton, Texas. Map on page 6.

When evacuating you should:

- Coordinate your departure with the people who will be traveling with you.
- Notify an out-of-area person of your evacuation plans.
- Make arrangements for your pets.
- Pack your disaster supply kit into your vehicle.
- Secure your home.
- Double check your evacuation route and leave.

Should I carry food and drinks in my car?

Yes! Stopping for food or drinks during a large scale evacuation may significantly delay you in getting to your destination. Some restaurants and stores along hurricane routes may be closed and those that are open are likely to be very crowded. Additionally, once you leave the evacuation route to purchase food or drinks, it may be difficult to re-enter the flow of traffic.

What can I do to help others?

Check on friends, neighbors and assist them if you can to make sure they can evacuate. If you cannot, help them get in touch with the local emergency management office.

! I don't want to evacuate!

Should you choose to stay, please remember there are NO SHELTERS in Brazoria County. There will be **NO SERVICES available to you (sewer, water, electricity, etc).** Hospitals will close, ambulances will not run, and police and fire cannot respond until the storm passes.

IF YOU HAVE YOUR OWN TRANSPORTATION

Fuel

- Keep your fuel tank at least half full during hurricane season.
- Motorists should fill their tanks before evacuating.
- TxDOT works with the private sector to assure fuel availability on designated evacuation routes only.
- TxDOT courtesy vehicles will be patrolling designated evacuation routes for those stranded.

Check COUNTY road conditions online

http://bit.ly/BCRoadClosure

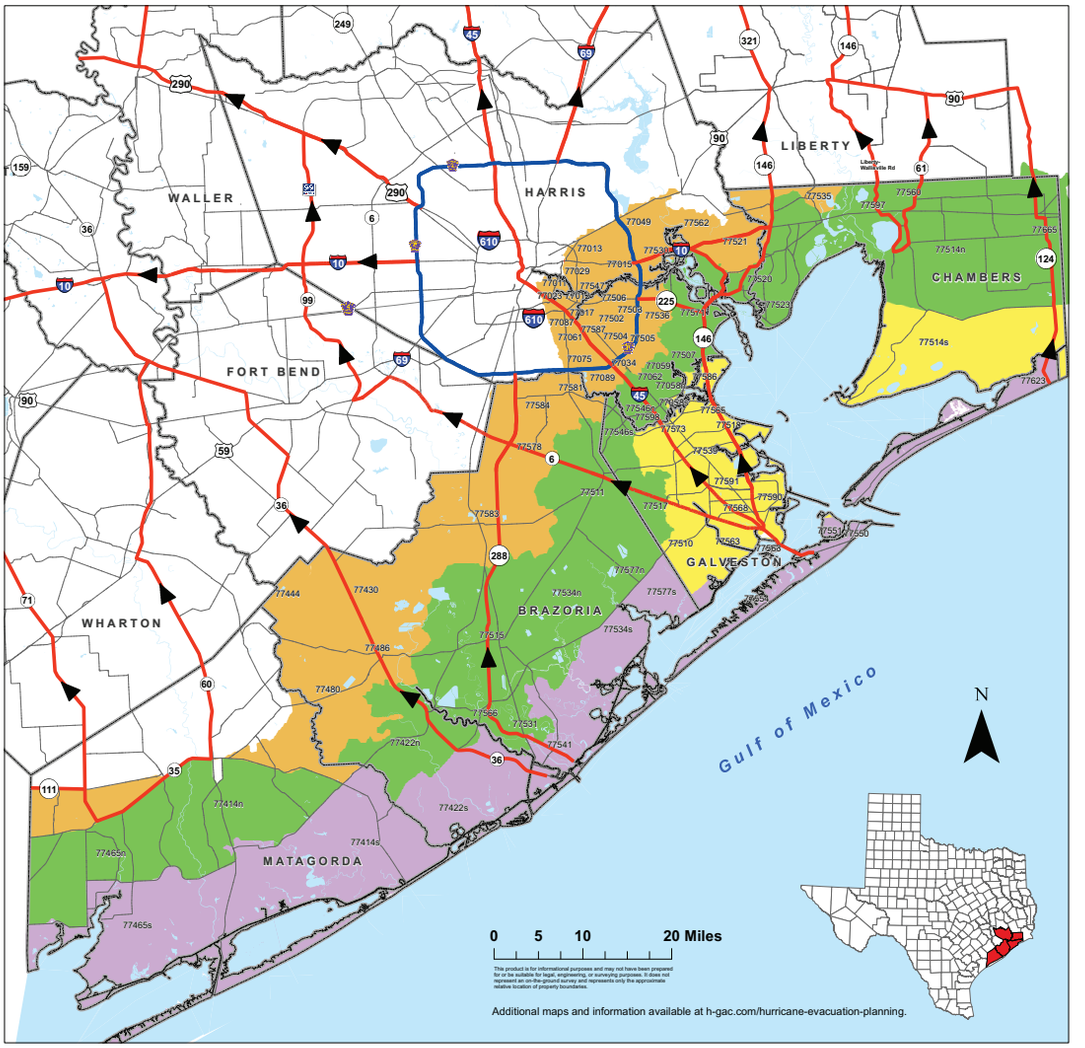
Check STATE road conditions online

drivetexas.org

Or call:1-800-452-9292

Know Your Evacuation Zone

Mandatory evacuations will be based on zip codes.
Be prepared to leave immediately after your zip code is called.



Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Harris, and Matagorda Hurricane Evacuation Zip-Zones Coastal, A, B, C

ZIP ZONE COASTAL				
77414s	77422s	77465s	77534s	77541
77550	77551	77554	77563	77577s
77623				
ZIP ZONE A				
77058s	77510	77514s	77518	77539
77563	77565	77568	77573	77586
77590	77591			
ZIP ZONE B				
77058n	77059	77062	77414n	77422n
77465n	77507	77511	77514n	77515
77517	77520	77523	77531	77534n
77546n	77546s	77560	77566	77571
77577n	77597	77598	77665	
ZIP ZONE C				
77011	77012	77013	77015	77017
77023	77029	77034	77049	77061
77075	77087	77089	77430	77444
77480	77486	77502	77503	77504
77505	77506	77521	77530	77535
77536	77547	77562	77578	77581
77583	77584	77587		

Some zip codes are split into north (n) and south (s) for evacuation purposes.

Route Designation

- Evacuation Corridors
- Evacuation Connections
- Other Roads
- County Boundary

Revision Date: March 18, 2019
Expiration Date: December 31, 2019
Map Created by:
Houston-Galveston Area Council

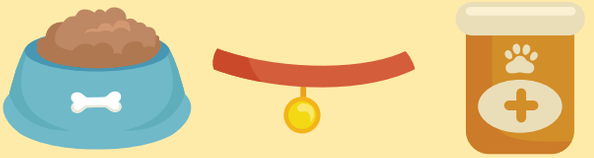
Evacuating Pets

All food and medication must be provided by owner. If you have questions, please contact your local emergency manager (pages 19-21).

- If you are evacuating to a hotel, ask about pet policies that might exist. Not all facilities accept animals.
- The inland shelter location will be equipped to shelter most animals.
- As a general rule, pets will be sheltered separately with the exception of service animals that must stay with their owners.
- All animals must be housed in a sturdy plastic or metal cage.
- All food/medication must be provided by owner.

Important pet supplies

- ❑ Medications
- ❑ Food, Water
- ❑ Non-tip food and water containers
- ❑ Leash/Collar, Harness, and Carrier
- ❑ Records of Vaccinations
- ❑ Hand Sanitizer
- ❑ Waste disposal bags
- ❑ Training pads
- ❑ Towel or Blanket

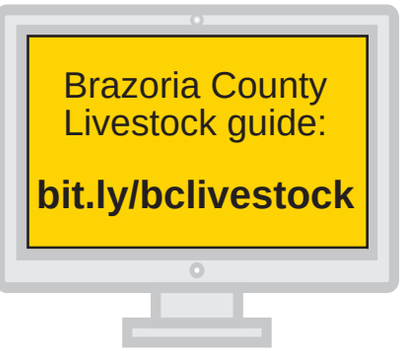


Evacuating Livestock

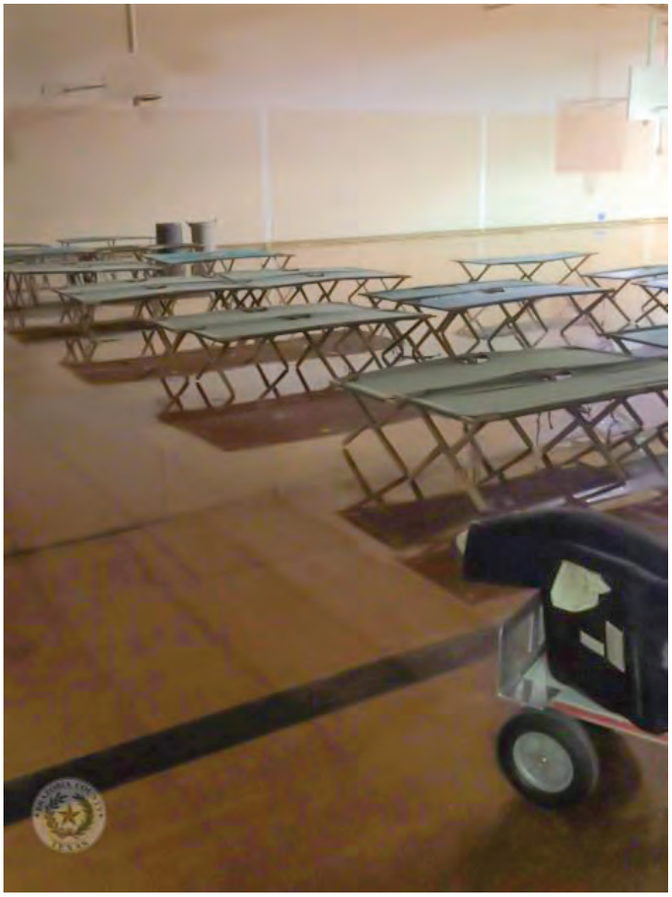
Where to Go?

If you have friends or family who have a place to board your livestock, that is your best option. Public shelters are temporary, lasting maybe a few days. Bell County Annex Building in Belton, Texas can accommodate cattle, horses, and sheep, swine and goats, high value livestock—horses, show animals, youth animal projects, etc. The Bell County Annex Building is located at 550 E 2nd Ave, Belton, Texas.

When evacuating contact the County agent (254) 933-5305 before leaving home to let Bell County know you're coming. Other shelters for livestock are available throughout the state, but contact information on those sites isn't released until shortly before an evacuation. As this information is received, it will be posted on the Brazoria County website at brazoriacountytx.gov and at the Emergency Management office at (979) 864-1064. Public shelters provide only shelter and water. Feed and hay are the owner's responsibility. **Public shelters require all equine to have current vaccinations and Coggins test paperwork.**



What to Expect in an **Emergency Shelter**



When disasters occur, the county or state may provide a safe refuge in temporary emergency shelters. These shelters can be located in schools, churches, office buildings or other facilities. General population shelters are stocked with basic need essentials, such as food, water, and a warm place to sleep. Keep in mind, a shelter will not be able to provide the same level of comforts of home or a hotel. Shelters can be noisy, crowded, boring, short-staffed, and provide very little privacy. If you are able, staying with friends or relatives is a better choice. Items to Bring to an Emergency Shelter:

- Bring identification
- Important /insurance papers
- Bring blankets/sleeping bags, pillows
- Bring baby supplies – food, diapers, formula, medication, etc.
- Bring cards/games/books to pass the hours
- Flashlights with extra batteries
- Cell phone and charger
- Important phone numbers, i.e. family members, doctor, etc.
- Prescription and emergency medication in original containers
- Medical equipment, i.e. oxygen/wheelchair
- Extra clothing
- Specialty snacks and juices for dietary needs
- Hygiene supplies
- Shower Shoes
- Basic snacks
- Folding chairs
- Other comfort items as needed
- Pets ONLY in carriers
- Pet leashes, food bowls
- Pet health records
- No weapons, alcohol, or illegal drugs are allowed in public shelters.

Don't forget your animals supplies and necessities!

Photo provided by ASPCA

WHAT TO DO AFTER A FLOOD

- Return home only when authorities say it is safe.
- Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded and watch out for debris, snakes, fire ants, alligators, etc. Flood waters often erode roads and walkways.
- Do not wade through flood waters.
- Do not attempt to drive through areas that are still flooded.
- Avoid standing water as it may be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines.
- Photograph damage to your property for insurance purposes.

www.ready.gov/floods

Severe Weather

Thunderstorms

A thunderstorm is a storm containing lightning caused by unstable atmospheric conditions. When cold upper air sinks and warm, moist air rises, storm clouds, or "thunderheads," develop. Thunderstorms may occur by themselves, in clusters, or in lines. So, it is possible for several thunderstorms to affect one location in the course of a few hours. Some of the most severe weather occurs when a single thunderstorm affects one location for an extended period of time.

Severe thunderstorms can bring heavy rains, strong winds, hail, lightning, and tornadoes. To protect yourself in a severe thunderstorm, get inside a sturdy building away from windows and stay tuned to a battery-operated radio for weather information.

Severe Thunderstorm Watch	Severe thunderstorms are possible.
Severe Thunderstorm Warning	Severe thunderstorms are imminent or occurring.
Tornado Warning	Tornado weather is occurring or possible.
Hail Warning	Hail is occurring or possible.

NWS Skywarn

Storm Spotter Program

The National Weather Service issues forecasts and warnings for the protection of life and property. Severe weather reports from weather spotters are critical for the issuance of accurate and timely warnings and thus contribute to public safety. Each year the NWS offers numerous weather spotter training sessions to increase the number of spotters who can provide this critical information. Spotters are trained at how to report hazards such as hail, damaging winds, funnel clouds, tornadoes and flooding and how to identify cloud formations that indicate severe thunderstorms. Severe weather safety is also covered. The training is free, runs about two hours and is great for anyone who is interested in weather and wants to provide information directly to the National Weather Service that contribute to the safety of their communities.

For more information on the Skywarn program and to register for a course in your area refer to the following link:

https://www.weather.gov/SKYWARN

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Practice HEAT SAFETY Wherever You Are
Heat related deaths are preventable. Protect yourself and others from the impacts of heat waves.
weather.gov/heat
Job Sites
Stay hydrated and take breaks in the shade as often as possible.
Indoors
Check up on the elderly, sick and those without AC.
Vehicles
Never leave kids or pets unattended - LOOK before you LOCK
Outdoors
Limit strenuous outdoor activities, find shade, and stay hydrated.

WHAT TO DO DURING A
TORNADO WATCH
When a Tornado Watch is issued, make sure the following items are stored in your safe place.
Helmets, pillows, or even a mattress to protect your head from falling and flying debris
Shoes to protect your feet from broken glass and other sharp objects
A whistle or noise-making device to signal for help after the storm passes
Baby formula, diapers, and other necessary items for your children
Pet carriers, leashes, and other pet supplies
For more information, visit:
weather.gov/safety/tornado

Lightning
Do's and Don'ts
Do
Go Inside When You Hear Thunder or See Lightning!
Find a Sturdy House, Building, Car With A Roof
Stay Indoors For at Least 30 Minutes After You Last Hear Thunder
Don't
Retreat to Dugouts, Sheds, Pavilions, Picnic Shelters or Other Small Structures
Use or Touch Electronics, Outlets, Corded Phones or Windows
Go Under or Near Tall Trees, Swim or Be Near Water, Stand Near Metal Objects
weather.gov/lightning

CAER

COMMUNITY AWARENESS & EMERGENCY RESPONSE

CAER SIRENS

Occasionally you may hear other blasts. There are Signals for internal plant communications. When in doubt call the CAER line.

If you hear the CAER Sirens at a non-scheduled time:

- Go Inside your home, car, or building.
- Close windows / turn off air conditioners.
- Do not attempt to travel or start your vehicle.
- If there is a potential for community impact, a Telephone Alert System (TAS) will be activated.
- Call the CAER line 238-CAER (2237).
- If the release gets inside your shelter place a wet cloth over your mouth and nose.
- If you hear the CAER Sirens, but can't get inside, move crosswind.

ALERT BLASTS:

GAS RELEASE
Continuous Blast

ALERT
Series of Short Blasts

EVACUATE
Series of 3 Short Blasts

ALL CLEAR
Series of 3 Long Blasts

LEARN HOW TO SHELTER IN PLACE

Go inside your home, car or building.

Close windows and turn off air conditioners.

Do not attempt to travel or start your vehicle.

Call the CAER line 238-CAER (2237).

Use towels to block all air flow areas.

If the release gets inside your shelter, place wet cloth over your mouth and nose.

If you hear the CAER sirens, but can't get inside, move crosswind.

CODE RED

CAER, Brazosport's industrial emergency alert organization utilizes CodeRED Mobile Alert. This system is geo-aware and alerts registered phones in affected areas. Using CodeRED is one of the ways CAER keeps the community and its visitors informed when needed.

979-238-CAER (2237)
brazosportcaer.com

Download the

ReadyBrazoriaCounty APP

TODAY

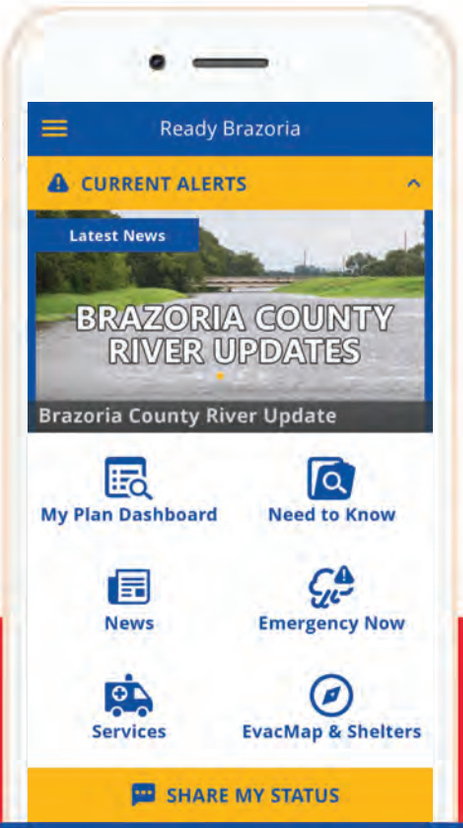
HELPING YOU KEEP YOUR LOVED ONES SAFE

When it comes to an emergency situation, having a plan can help protect you and your loved ones. That is why Brazoria County has developed a mobile app that helps its citizens properly prepare and stay informed during and after a disaster. You will be able to create your family emergency plan and get a list of the go-kit supplies in just under a minute. In addition, you will recieve the latest updates and necessary information on evacuation routes, shelters, available emergency services and much more, should a disaster strike.

Find peace of mind by ensuring that you and your family are properly prepared. Download the Ready Brazoria County Preparedness App and get the tool and all the information you need in one easy-to-use app.

Key Features:

- Get instant access to evacuation maps and know which routes are safe
- Find out about the nearest emergency shelters and special services in your area
- Receive latest alerts and emergency notifications from Brazoria County
- Create your personalized family emergency plan and list of go-kit supplies quickly and painlessly
- Broadcast your status ("I am safe" or "I need help") with one single tap



The app is free and is available on App Store or Google Play today!

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

When your family's lives may be at risk... What communication system do YOU want tot have?

Amateur Radio Emergency Service

Make friends and enjoy the challenge!

- *Get your Ham Radio License*
- *Practice with on-the-air "nets" or networks*
- *Participate in Public events*
- *Volunteer and help others!*

Website: www.brazoriacountyares.org
Contact: info@brazoriacountyares.org

Brazoria County Amateur Radio Service, Inc.

WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS... AMATEUR RADIO

HOW CAN I HELP?

BRAZORIA COUNTY CITIZEN CORPS

In large emergencies, first responders in our community can be overwhelmed quickly. Citizens on scene may need to take action to help save lives.

Citizen Corps provides training that will allow you to protect yourself, your family, and your neighbors.

The Brazoria County Citizen Corps has several key missions:

- Initial Neighborhood Response
- Staffing the Emergency Management Call Center
- Staffing Evacuation Hubs for an evacuation
- Assisting with distribution of food, water, and ice
- Performing Preliminary Damage Assessments during emergencies
- Assist with staffing of shelters during disasters

ALL TRAINING IS FREE

Positions for everyone! Great for groups and organizations! Sign up today!

Homeland Preparedness Project

See our calendar at:
www.homelandpreparedness.org
or contact
Homeland Preparedness Project at:
info@homelandpreparedness.org
Or call 979-864-1646.

Returning Home

- Find out if it is safe to enter your community or neighborhood. Follow the advice of your local authorities.
- Check city and/or county websites
- Reliable social media sites. Ex. Brazoria County FB and/or Twitter tinyurl.com/BrazoriaCo
- Have cash with you. ATM's may not work and stores may not be able to accept credit or debit cards.
- Bring supplies such as flashlights, batteries, bottled water and nonperishable foods in case utilities are out.
- Create back-up communication plans with family and friends in case you are unable to call from affected area.
- Plan for delays when traveling. Bring extra food, water, pillows, blankets and other items that will make the trip more comfortable. Keep the fuel tank of your vehicle as full as possible in case gas stations are crowded, out of fuel or closed.
- Carry a road map to help you route around heavy traffic or impassable roads.
- Understand that recovery takes time. Focus on the positive and have patience. Others will have similar frustrations.
- If possible, leave children and pets with a relative or friend. If not, keep them away from hazards and floodwater.
- Beware of rodents, snakes, insects and other animals that may be on your property or in your home.

Items to Bring When Returning Home

- ❑ Government-issued photo ID and proof of address
- ❑ Important phone numbers
- ❑ Bottled water and non-perishable foods
- ❑ First aid kits
- ❑ Cleanser/hand cleaning gel for personal use
- ❑ Hygiene products and toilet paper
- ❑ Insect repellent and sunscreen
- ❑ Long sleeved shirts, long pants, sturdy waterproof boots and works gloves
- ❑ Flashlight, portable radio and extra batteries
- ❑ Cameras for photos of damage for insurance claims
- ❑ Tarp(s) to cover roof damage and control leaks

WELL WATER TESTING AFTER A FLOOD

Water wells that received flood water may be contaminated with bacteria, which can make you sick. Sources of bacteria may include a septic system and fecal matter from wildlife and domestic animals. Additionally, chemical contaminants can enter a well making the water unsafe to drink.

Well water can be tested at the Brazoria County Water Lab located at 409 East Orange, Angleton, Texas 77515. Water sample must be collected in a container from the lab.

Generator Safety

When the power goes out many people will turn to generators for temporary power. Before using a portable generator know the risks to insure safe and proper use.

- Never attach a generator directly to the electrical system of a structure (home, RV trailer, etc.) unless a qualified electrician has properly installed the generator with a transfer switch.
- Always plug electrical appliances directly into the generator using the manufacturer's supplied cords or extension cords that are grounded (3-pronged).
- Inspect the cords to make sure they are fully intact and not damaged.
- Do not overload a generator.
- Make sure a generator is properly grounded.
- Keep a generator dry.

Communication Information

If you city is not listed, use the County numbers.

tinyurl.com/BrazoriaCo

@BrazoriaCounty

brazoriacountytx.gov

Search for "Ready Brazoria County" on the App Store or Google Play

Brazoria County

Emergency Management
pio@brazoria-county.com
www.brazoriacountytx.gov
Steve Rosa, Emergency Manager
24 Hour Hotline 979-864-1064
. 979-388-1064
. 281-756-1064

Bell County

Emergency Management
254.933.5587

CAER

979-238-CAER (2237)
brazosportcaer.com

United Way of Brazoria County

979-849-9402
www.uwbc.org

Salvation Army

1-979-233-5420

Alvin

Emergency Manager 281-388-4364
City Hall 281-388-4200
Public Works 281-388-4325
City Manager's Office 281-388-4230
Mayor's Office 281-388-4275
Cable Access Channel . . . . . Channel 16
KACC RADIO 89.7 FM
www.alvin-tx.gov

Angleton

Emergency Manager 979-849-2383
City Hall 979-849-4364
City Manager's Office 979-849-4364
Mayor's Office 979-849-4364
Fire 979-849-1265
www.angleton.tx.us
www.angletonpd.net

Bailey's Prairie

Emergency Manager 979-849-0134
Mayor 979-849-0134
Village Hall 979-849-0134
www.baileysprairie.org

Bonney

Emergency Manager/Mayor 281-595-2269
City Hall 281-595-2269
www.bonneytexas.gov

Brazoria

Emergency Manager 979-798-2489
City Hall 979-798-2489
City Manager. 979-798-2489
24 hr. Emergency Info. Line 979-798-9131
www.cityofbrazoria.org

Brookside Village

Emergency Management 281-485-3048
Police Chief. 281-485-4844
Mayor 281-485-3048
City Hall 281-485-3048
www.brooksidevillage-tx.org

Clute

Emergency Management 979-265-9653
Police Department 24 Hr Info 979-265-6194
Clute City Hall 979-265-2541
City Manager. 979-265-2541
www.ci.clute.tx.us

Danbury

Emergency Manager 979-264-9482
Mayor 979-264-9482
City Secretary 979-922-1551 x5
City Hall/Police Dept. 979-922-1551
Utility Dept. 979-549-3129
Fire Department 979-922-1176
Police Dispatch 979-964-2392

Freeport

Emergency Manager 979-233-2111
Information Message 979-233-KNOW
City Hall 979-233-3526
Police 979-239-1211
www.freeport.tx.us

Hillcrest

Emergency Management 832-602-9958
Monday - Friday 8 AM - 5 PM. 281-756-0577
City Office Not Open Following An Emergency
Mayor 281-748-7149
City Marshal 832-221-5961

Holiday Lakes

Mon Wed Thurs & Fri 1 - 5 PM, Tues 1 - 7 PM
Mayor 979.849.1136
Police Chief. 979-849-3163
City Secretary 979-849-1136
www.holidaylakestexas.com

Iowa Colony

Emergency Manager 281-369-3444
City Hall 281-369-2471
Mayor 281-369-2471
City Secretary 281-369-2471
Police Chief. 281-369-3444
www.cityofiowacolony.com

Jones Creek

Marshal/Emergency Mgr. 979-292-6393
Mayor 979-233-2700
Fire Chief 979-201-3594
City Admin.. 979-233-2700
Marshal's Dept 979-233-3091
City Hall 979-233-1826
www.villageofjonescreektexas.com

Lake Jackson

Emergency Manager 979-415-2500
City Hall 979-415-2400
Police Department 979-415-2700
Cable Access Channel . . . . . Channel 16
www.lakejackson-tx.gov

Liverpool

Emergency Manager 281-581-2342
Mayor 281-581-2342
City Secretary 281-581-2342
Police Chief. 281-581-2233
www.cityofliverpooltexas.com

Manvel

Mayor 281-489-0630
City Manager/EMC 281-489-0630
Police Chief 281-489-1212
Fire Marshal/Deputy EMC 281-489-0630
Fire Chief 281-692-0279
EMS Director. 281-489-6144
www.cityofmanvel.com

Oyster Creek

Emergency Manager 979-233-8481
Police Department 979-233-8481
City Administrator 979-233-0243
Mayor/City Hall 979-233-0243
Fire Department 979-233-8481
www.cityofoystercreek.org

Pearland

Emergency Manager 281-997-4648
City Hall 281-652-1600
Mayor's Office 281-652-1654
City Manager. 281-652-1663
Police Department 281-997-4100
Cable Access Channel . . . . . Channel 16/99 UVerse
www.pearlandtx.gov

Quintana

Mon. - Fri. 8 AM- 4:30 PM 979-233-0848
Mayor 979-233-4609
Emergency Manager 979-373-7255
Water Emergency 979-233-4281
www.quintanatx.org

Richwood

Mayor 979-265-2082
City Manager 979-265-2082
Emergency Manager 979-265-8157
City Hall 979-265-2082
www.richwoodtx.gov

Surfside

Police Chief . . . . . 979-233-1531 ext 109
Emergency Coordinator 979-239-1151
City Hall 979-233-1531
Fire Department 979-233-5926
www.surfsidetx.org

Sweeny

Emergency Manager 979-482-4617
City Manager/Asst. EMC 979-548-3321
EOC (Only open during Emergency Situations) 979-548-4541
Information Line 979-548-3330
After Hours 979-548-3111
www.sweenytx.gov

West Columbia

Emergency Manager 979-345-5121
City Mgr./Emergency Mgr. 979-345-3123
City Hall 979-345-3123
EOC 979-345-1900
Police Department 979-345-5121
CEMS Director 979-345-2390
Fire Chief 979-345-3416
www.westcolumbiatx.org

Sign-up for the eNotification System
tinyurl.com/bcnotification

Other Useful Numbers

School Districts and Colleges

Alvin ISD 281-331-2320
www.alvinisd.net
Angleton ISD 979-864-8000
www.angletonisd.net
Brazosport ISD 979-730-7000
www.brazosportisd.net
Columbia-Brazoria ISD 979- 799-1700
www.cbisd.com
Damon ISD 979-742-3457
www.damonisd.net
Danbury ISD 979-922-1218
www.danburyisd.org
Pearland ISD 281-485-3203
www.pearlandisd.org
Sweeny ISD 979-491-8000
www.sweenyisd.org
Alvin Community College 281-756-3500
www.alvincollege.edu
Brazosport College 979-230-3000
www.brazosport.edu
U of H - Pearland Campus 281-212-1700
www.uhcl.edu/pearland

Hospitals

UTMB Health Angleton Campus 979- 849-7721
132 E. Hospital Drive Angleton, TX 77515
CHI St. Luke's Brazosport Medical Ctr . . 979-297-4411
100 Medical Drive Lake Jackson, TX 77566
Sweeny Community Hospital 979-548-1500
305 McKinney St Sweeny, TX 77480
Memorial Hermann Pearland 713-413-5000
16100 South Freeway Pearland, TX 77584
Pearland Medical Center 713-770-7000
11100 Shadow Creek Parkway Pearland, TX 77584

ATLANTIC HURRICANE NAMES FOR 2019

Andrea	Gabrielle	Melissa	Tanya
Barry	Humberto	Nestor	Van
Chantal	Imelda	Olga	Wendy
Dorian	Jerry	Pablo	
Erin	Karen	Rebekah	
Fernand	Lorenzo	Sebastien	

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